

Ragtime Jazz and Mississippi Mud

Down through the past two hundred years or so, the slow moving waters of the broad Mississippi have seen and heard plenty as strains of ragtime jazz, foot stompin' banjo picking, and good-time sing-a-longs drifted out windows and swinging saloon doors of whitewashed river boats plying her center deep waters.

And likewise, many of those musicians looked at that opaque river beneath them, the queen of frontier America waterways, and wrote lyrics of the red, red mud of mighty Mississippi.

Bringing the charm of an 1800's river boat passage to the 20th century, complete with dining pleasures to fit every palate, the "Empress Lilly" combines the best of yester year food and entertainment with the best of

modern technology to insure our guests don't see the red, red mud of the mighty Mississippi, but the clean, blue-green waters of the Buena Vista Lagoon reflecting the Village across the way.

We visited the "Empress Lilly" to taste her entertainment fare, then traveled due West several miles to the South Service Area for a lesson on how to un-muddy the waters beneath her.

FROM ROOTY-TOOTY TO A QUIET HARP . . .

Complementing the variety of dining experiences aboard the "Empress Lilly" is her entertainment, which spans the spectrum from the raz-a-ma-tazz, rooty-tooty perfor-

mances of the **Baton Rouge Music Company**, to the soothing strains of harpist **Kathleen Bonnie**. Evenings aboard her turn-of-the-century decks are livened by strolling musicians and specialty acts.

Four madcap entertainers make up the **Baton Rouge Music Company**, providing continuous entertainment nightly in the colorful **Baton Rouge Lounge**.

Guitarist **Denny Zavett** leads the crowd in sing-alongs of everything from "Annie Rooney" to "The Mickey Mouse Club Song" to a "Sweet Georgia Brown" whistle-along "that sounds like an Audubon Society Convention."

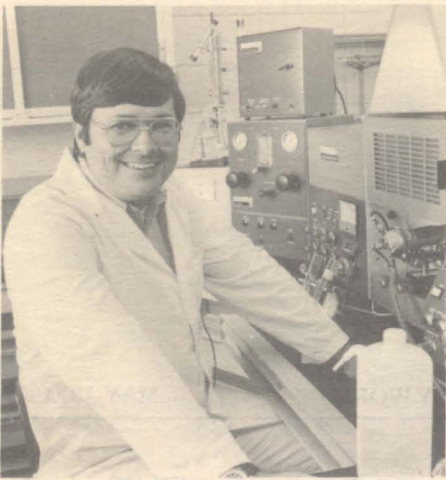
Denny also seeks out guests who are celebrating "birthdays, anniversaries and final payments on '56 Chevies" recruiting



Guitarist **Denny Zavett** of the **Baton Rouge Music Company** leads the crowd in sing-a-longs aboard the "Empress Lilly".



The **Baton Rouge Music Company's** masters of the honky-tonk and ragtime are (l-r) **Dave Tobiasen**, **Sonny Helmer** and **Bill Dendle**.



Environmental Associate **John Repoff** spends half his time in the Environmental Protection Department's sophisticated laboratory and the rest in the field. He was an important part of the team working on the Buena Vista Lagoon project.

"trained, professional kazooists" to assist him on stage.

The entertainers take turns on stage in a non-stop potpourri of music and fun.

Honky-tonk, ragtime, dixieland, bluegrass, sing-alongs, corn and wise-cracks are the bill of entertainment served by the musicians **Sonny Helmers, Dave Tobiasen** and **Bill Dendle**. Outfitted in Gay 90's band uniforms, they play "Alabamy Bound," "Twelfth Street Rag" . . . during which banjoist Dendle plays a trombone solo on the horn Sonny is still holding . . . and the "Dill Pickle Rag."

Sing-alongs are mixed with the group's particular blend of corn spirits. Sonny plays his trombone with his stocking foot, a routine that won him second place on the **Gong Show** this past January. First place was a fellow dressed as Frankenstein who sang "I've Gotta Be Me."

Banjoist Bill Dendle introduces his fine bluegrass solo, "Wildflower Blue," as "She



Working together to create the almost overnight magic of clearing up the Buena Vista Lagoon are (l) **Walt Pillows**, Supervisor of Pest Control, and (r) **Juan Cano**, Industrial Engineer.

Made Fun of My Apartment So I Knocked Her Flat."

Pianist-tuba player Dave Tobiasen, one of the few musicians still practicing the art of stride piano playing, sings "How Can I Miss You If You Won't Go Away?"

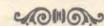
And the group administers the Final Exam of Sing-Alongs to the audience: "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" leaving out the words "me" and "you."

The **Baton Rouge Music Company** performs nightly in the **Baton Rouge Lounge** from 7 pm to 1 am. Guest specialty acts will be added from time to time.

Harpist **Kathleen Bonnie**, who has appeared with many fine symphonic groups across the nation, entertains nightly in the intimate **Empress Lounge** adjacent to the gourmet dining of the Empress Room.

Providing strolling music for the Steerman's Quarters and the Fisherman's Deck are the upbeat **Dixie Deltas** with **Jimmy**

Allen on clarinet, **George Morrow** on string base and **Ernie McClean** on guitar and six string banjo guitar.



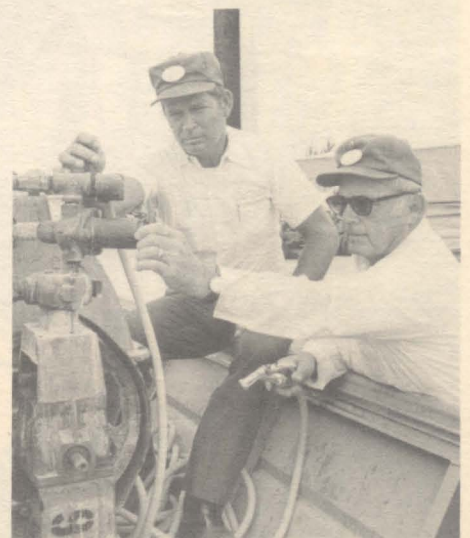
THE UN-RED, RED MUD OF THE MIGHTY MISSISSIPPI . . .

Miles away, tucked in a cluster of prefabricated buildings making up our South Service Area, is an inconspicuous office with a sign over its door reading Pest Control. Sitting down with **Juan Cano**, Industrial Engineer, **Walt Pillows**, Supervisor of Pest Control, and **John Repoff**, an Environmental Associate with our Environmental Protection Department, we sought out an answer to the almost overnight change from a murky brown to sparkling blue-green of the Buena Vista Lagoon.

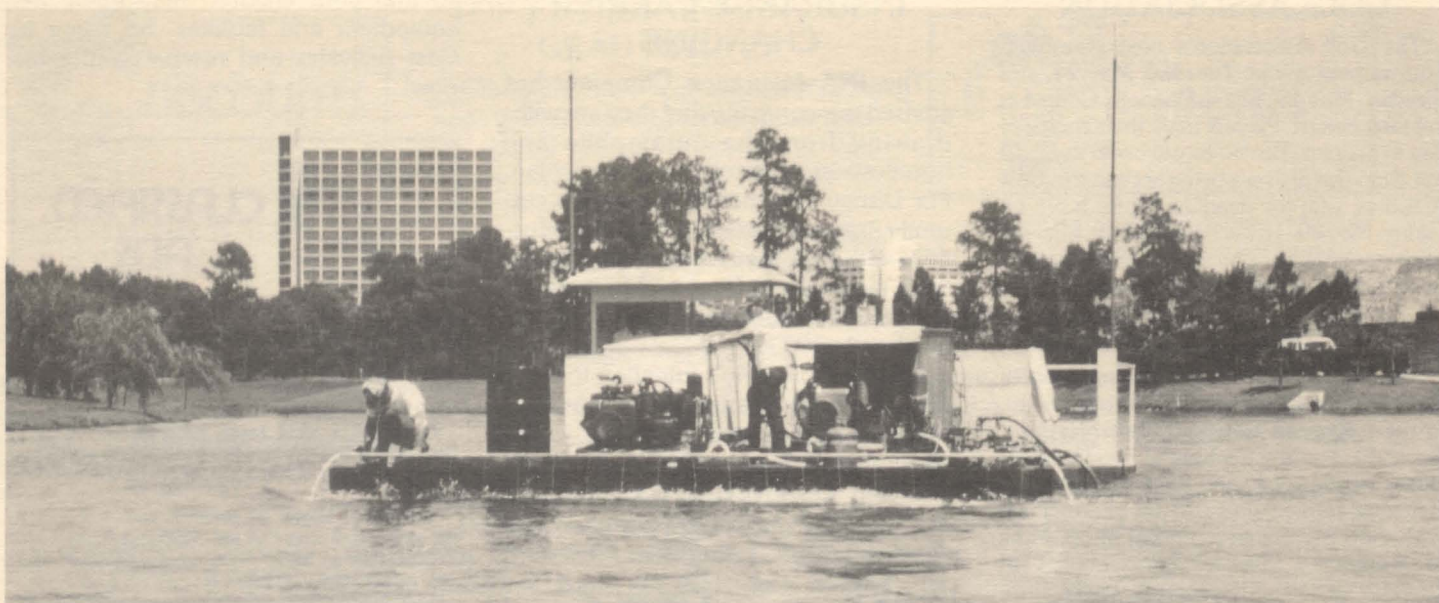
And we found that in recreating a turn-of-the-century river boat, realism can only be



The **RCUC Drainage Department** had quite a chore transporting the 14-ton barge from Bay Lake to Buena Vista Lagoon.



Inspecting a machine which is used in our extensive canal system by Pest Control for weed abatement are (l-r) **Buddy Tyson** and **Bob Center**.



This is how the operation looked in full swing. **Pest Control** personnel manned the barge as it spread the chemicals according the careful mathematical calibrations.

carried so far . . . which **does not** include a muddy, murky lagoon underneath her.

"During the 'Empress Lilly' construction period, large amounts of dirt were removed from in and around the Buena Vista Lagoon. The run-off completely clouded the waters," John explained.

"For the grand opening ceremonies, we wanted clear sparkling water to enhance the beauty of the structure," Juan continued, "so we combined a lot of hard work and a little bit of modern magic."

Using laymen's terms for our benefit, John told **EYES & EARS** that minute particles of clay became suspended in the water due to construction. Normally, particles in water clump together and fall to the bottom. But due to the chemical makeup of clay, each particle picked up a negative charge of elec-

tricity.

Now, think back to that high school course you took in **Introduction to Chemistry**, and you'll remember the physics law that "like particles repel one another." And that's just what happened in the lagoon . . . each particle of clay repelled others near it, creating a permanent murky effect, because none would clump together and fall to the bottom!

But science came to the rescue. A week-long operation to clean up the lagoon began with the **Reedy Creek Utilities Company Drainage Department** transporting a 14-ton barge from Bay Lake to the Buena Vista Lagoon. Once water born, **Pest Control** personnel, under the guidance of the **Environmental Protection Department**, began pumping 17,000 gallons of liquid aluminum sulphate in a precise calibration across the

surface of the murky brown water.

"The aluminum sulphate chemically causes the electrical charges to change and the clay particles are then attracted together. Once they clump together and become heavier than the water, they sink to the bottom," Juan explained.

Next, they pumped liquid polymer across the lagoon. "The polymer sinks and forms a sort of sticky net over the clay on the bottom, to prevent it from being stirred up by boat props passing overhead," John continued.

Walt and Juan contributed the efficiency and smooth operation of the massive project to the careful inspection of equipment made by mechanics at **Ground Maintenance Department**, laboratory experiments performed by the **Environmentalists**, and the hard work by **Pest Control**.



The **Dixie Deltas** provide strolling entertainment on the river boat.



The opening day cast of the "Empress Lilly" as she sits at her permanent mooring in the Buena Vista Lagoon across from the Village.

*All
Walt Disney World
Cast Members
are cordially invited to attend
Summer Update '77
May 23-31, 1977
at the
Contemporary Resort*

All cast members will be contacted by their Training Advisor next week to be scheduled for one of our one-hour Summer Update sessions being conducted May 23 through 31 at the Contemporary Resort.

We'll be updating you on what is happening around our company, both here at Walt Disney World and Walt Disney Productions . . . plus a look at all of our exciting plans for the future, including some you probably haven't heard about yet!

All cast members who attend one of our Summer Update sessions, will receive a complimentary copy of our "America On Parade" commemorative booklet as a memento of last summer's tremendously successful Bicentennial celebration. We hope to see all of you there!

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Now, more than ever before, having a nest egg . . . some cash saved away . . . is more important than ever. And we have a way to help you start a savings account, one that will grow over the years in the most "painless" way possible; through payroll deductions! Not only painless, but an account that will yield one of the highest percentage of interest available today.

Our savings plan is not some new sheltered mutual fund, land investment, or speculation buying. It is, however, one of our country's oldest and most stable methods of investing your money with a guaranteed interest. We are talking about **U. S. Savings Bonds**, and Walt Disney World is now offering you payroll deductions to purchase them.

Several hundred cast members are currently buying U. S. Savings Bonds, and we want to share with you the advantages they have found for investing in them.

With U. S. Savings Bonds you don't have to wait forever for your money. Sizeable savings take a while to accumulate, but Bonds now mature faster than ever. Five years to be exact. So while Bonds are ideal for long-range plans, they also work for your short-term goals.

And their interest rate is something to look twice at. E Bonds yield a healthy 6% interest when held to maturity . . . 4½% the first year. But remember, there's a 10-year extension privilege beyond maturity for continued earning.

You also have options with taxes. First of all, U. S. Savings Bond interest is exempt from all state and local taxes. With federal income tax, you may choose to defer report-

ing your interest until the Bonds are redeemed or reach final maturity — whichever comes first. And if you're building funds for education or retirement, you have some special tax-saving opportunities that are worth looking into.

If you need a shove to start your saving, Bonds can do that, too. All you have to do is sign up for the Payroll Savings Plan. Then an amount you specify is set aside from your paycheck each month and used to buy Bonds. Automatically.

Let's take a look at some facts regarding the **Series E Savings Bonds**: The Series E is an appreciation Bond that is purchased at a cost of 75% of face value. Denominations (the face value) which are available include \$25, \$50, \$75, \$100, \$200, \$500, \$1,000 and \$10,000. Their interest accrues at the rate of 6% when held to maturity of five years.

1. **Safe-Indestructible** - The full faith and credit of the Federal Government stands behind them. Any Bond lost, stolen or destroyed will be replaced at no charge, at original issue date.
2. **Liquid** - You may cash an E Bond at any time beginning two months after date of issue. But to get the maximum yield of 6%, it must be held to maturity.
3. **Convenient to Buy** - The Payroll Savings Plan permits Savings Bonds to be purchased on a partial payment plan; an automatic, convenient way to buy bonds. You sign for a payroll deduction and watch your savings grow.
4. **Choice of Registration** - E Bonds may be issued in the name of one person, in the name of two persons as co-owners, or in the name of one person as owner with a second person as beneficiary (payable on death).
5. **No Market Fluctuation** - No need to refer to the

market pages to see whether Savings Bonds are up or down. They are never worth less than you paid.

In next week's paycheck, you will receive an authorization form to sign up to buy U. S. Savings Bonds through "painless" payroll deductions. Simply fill out your form and send to the **Payroll Department**, or drop by in person with it. Payroll is located on the 1st floor of The Center.




Visiting Walt Disney World earlier this week was **Mr. Tsuboi**, President of the Mitsui Real Estate Development Company, LTD. Mitsui is one of two general partners responsible for the development of the site in Japan that is being discussed regarding the building of our **Tokyo Disneyland** project. Pictured here during a tour of the Disney University are (l-r) **Frank Stanek**, Director of Research & Planning at WED; **Mr. Kojima**, Administrative Assistant to Mr. Tsuboi; Walt Disney World VIP Hostess **Atsuko Yamaguchi** acting as interpreter; and **Mr. Tsuboi**.

DIVE CLUB NEWS

Just a reminder to those cast members planning to attend the Dive Club's upcoming Crystal River Check-out Dive on **Saturday, May 14** . . . everyone will meet at Denny's on International Drive at 8 am. Car pools will be formed at Denny's.

The cost of this great day of clear river bottom diving is just \$9, which includes an air fill and a delicious fish fry. All SCUBA certified employees and their families are invited to join the club and get their feet wet!



CAST ACTIVITIES
BAKING BONANZA CONTEST

FOR CAST MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES
SATURDAY, MAY 14, 1977
12:00 - 4:00 P.M.
Stage Door Cafe - Center Building

• **BAKE SALE**
• **DEMONSTRATIONS BY WDW CHEFS**
• **CAST MEMBERS BAKING DISPLAYS**

Entry forms available at Cast Activities
Deadline for entry is April 22



CLOTHING SALE AT 3 SHOPS

Now is your chance to take advantage of an **apparel sale** at the **Lake Buena Vista Pro Shop**, **Contemporary Racquet Club** and **Golf Resort Pro Shop** on selected tennis and golf wear. The items go on sale today at up to 40% off plus your 20% employee discount. So, drop by one of the locations right away while the selection is good.

HALLMARK SHOP HOLDING SALE

Main Street's **Hallmark Shop** will be holding an **employee sale May 23, 24 & 25** in the tunnel under their shop. The sale will last three days from 10 am to 5 pm and will feature an assortment of items ranging from stationary to albums to puzzles to books and much more! All items will be on sale for at least **50% off**. So why not drop by and pick up something nice.

NICKEL DAY ON TA

The Orange-Seminole-Osceola Transportation Authority will be holding their annual promotional event . . . **Nickel Day** . . . on Wednesday, May 18. On that day, you can ride any Transit Authority coach for just **one thin nickel** in conjunction with Nickel Day sales to be held by area merchants. It's the Authority's way of saying "thanks" to all their riders!

TOP ENTERTAINMENT AT GRAD NITE '77

Graduation from high school happens once in a lifetime and for seniors attending special graduation parties at Walt Disney World, **Grad Nite '77** will be an event to remember.

Some of the entertainment world's top rock groups will welcome thousands of high school seniors from Florida and eight other states to their own private party in the Magic Kingdom May 13, 14 and 20.

The three all-night parties will **begin** at 11 pm and last until 5 am! The graduates will enjoy unlimited use of all 45 major attractions.

Performing in the Magic Kingdom on May 13 and 20 will be **K.C. and the Sunshine Band** on the Space Stage, **Starbuck** in the Castle Forecourt and **Flash Cadillac** in Frontierland.

On May 14 the seniors will be entertained by **Hot** in the Castle Forecourt in addition to **K.C. and the Sunshine Band** and **Flash Cadillac**.

In addition, Walt Disney World's own entertainers, J.P. and the Silver Stars, Banjo Kings, Celebration, Michael and His Iseberg Machine and Nick Russo and Gabriel's Brass will perform throughout the Magic Kingdom each Grad Nite.

Approximately 149,000 seniors have participated in the Grad Nite parties since 1972. This year's seniors will be coming from Florida high schools as well as from Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, New York, Michigan, Virginia and Georgia.



SPORTS

MURPH'S SPORTS LINE

By: Thom Murphy, EYES & EARS Area Reporter

Monday League play had the Ladie's team, the Mets, give the Jippers a run for their money, before losing by a 19-11 score, Ft. Wilderness over the Fubarettes by 9-4, and still undefeated Theme Park I also defeating the Fubarettes by a 22-7 final tally.

Tuesday early league had Cast Activities 7, Marketing 0, and Finance billing Vista Telephone 18-3. Late league action here showed Employee Relations reviewing Crystal Palace by 19-3, Contemporary taking the Fubars by 10-3, and the Reapers solidly taking over second spot with a 12-4 romp over the Village.

Wednesday's tough league group tightened things up even more as Liberty Square handed the Superballers their second defeat 11-3, and Custodial leveled LBV Communities by an 8-3 score. Liberty Square and the Superballers now stand at 6-2, with Custodial and LBV at 5-3. In final Wednesday play, Transportation won their first game of the season by the width of a wheatie's flake, as they survived over Ft. Wilderness by a 12-11 final score.

Thursday play had Theme Park Maintenance remaining undefeated with a 23-5 romp over Reedy Creek Utilities, Bordens outgunning Pinochios by 20-5, and Space Mountain climbing over Theme Park Stock for their first win of the season by a 12-3 score.

Two weeks remain in regular league play with Ladie's Tournament play scheduled to be run off on two consecutive Mondays, May 30 and June 6, and Men's Double Elimination Championships scheduled to begin on Tuesday, May 24, and continue that week through Friday, and resuming again on the following Tuesday, May 31, with top teams in each league being pitted against runners-up to complete the eight-team starting slate.

LADIES GOLF CLINIC

There will be a Golf Work Shop for the Ladies **May 16 through 21**. The cost is \$10 for three 2-hour sessions including video tape playback of your swing. Each session will last from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. For more information and registration, call 824-2200, extension 3930.

2ND ANNUAL LAKE BUENA VISTA

PADDLEBOAT REGATTA



PLACE: Wooden Dock on Lake Buena Vista Lagoon, behind Pottery Chalet in the Lake Buena Vista Shopping Village.

DATE: May 19th- 21st **SIGN-UP DATES:** May 2nd - 17th
at Cast Activities Ext. 4254
mixed teams only

GOLF ASSOCIATION

The Golf Association's next **Handicap Tournament** will be **Tuesday, May 24**, and **Sunday, May 29**, at the Magnolia Course at the Golf Resort. Players have their choice of day to play on. Tee-times will begin at 12:30 pm. Sign-ups are now being accepted in Cast Activities, with the deadline set for 5 pm on Friday, May 20. The entry fee is \$15, payable upon registration. Call Cast Activities at extension 4254 for more information.

TABLE TENNIS

First-round action in the **Spring Singles Table Tennis Tournament** had these results: In the Advanced Category, **Jim Morris** of Revenue, **Tommy Jenkins** of Zoo Crew, **Al Weiss** of Revenue, and **Jack Hamilton** of Revenue moved forward. In Intermediate play, **Bob Stephenson** of Print Shop, **Mike Moorehouse** of Polynesian Recreation, **Carl Conklin** of Property Control, **Larry Simmons** of Property Control, **James Mitchell** of Main Street Operations, and **Alden Weiss** of Cash Control advanced. More details next week.

DOUBLES TENNIS TOURNAMENT

In the final round of the **Advanced Doubles Tennis Tournament**, the team of **Reggie Mosley**, Contemporary Resort, and **Jim Bostich** are lined up to play **Ed Koger**, Central First Aid, and **Bob Stewert**, Empress Lilly.

In the Women's Advanced bracket, **Kathy Lacy**, Reedy Creek Utilities, and her partner **Cathy Schick**, Golf Resort, are set to play **RayeAnn Sherrill**, Monorails, and **Kim Drury**, Transportation.

MIXED DOUBLES TENNIS TOURNAMENT SOON

The deadline for sign ups in the **Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament** has been extended to **Saturday, May 28**, to allow our current Singles Tournament to conclude. Mixed doubles drawing and pairing will take place on Monday, May 30, with notification of players the following day.

SINGLES TENNIS TOURNAMENT

In our **Singles Tennis Tournament** currently underway, **Arra Mae Smathers**, Casting Department, defeated **Gracia Barr**, Merchandise, in games 6-8, 8-6 and 6-1 to capture the Spring Tournament Advanced Women's bracket championship. She was presented a trophy last week.

The Intermediate Women's bracket is still underway with **Kathy Edesin**, Print Shop, and **Mahaina Purcell**, Polynesian Luau, in the lead.

Taking the front pole position in Advanced Men's play is **Bob Stewert**, Empress Lilly, with his close followers **Alan Stigall**, Fantasyland Operations, and **Mike Moorehouse**, Polynesian Recreation.

INSURANCE CARRIER CHANGING

The **INA Insurance Company** has advised our company that they are withdrawing from the automobile and homeowners payroll deduction plan. For Disney cast members who are currently insured through payroll deductions with INA, they have agreed to continue insurance in force and to maintain the payroll deduction program until December 1, 1977.

It is the Company's intention to work out a similar program with the **Travelers Insurance Company**. Negotiations are currently in progress. **EYES & EARS** will keep you advised of developments.



Little Lake Bryan will be open the **Memorial Day** weekend for your enjoyment. Our cast recreational lake will be open 11 am to dusk Saturday through Monday, May 28, 29 & 30.

FLEA MARKET WEEK AWAY

Only a week is left to sign up for your table at Cast Activities for the big **Spring Flea Market**, to be held at Little Lake Bryan on Saturday, May 21. Some space is still available and for the \$2.00 fee, payable when you sign up, your numbered table will be ready when you arrive at 10 am. Sellers are asked to arrive between 10 am and 11 am and all buyers, and you may invite your friends, and neighbors, should arrive at 11:00 am and later when the sales are scheduled to start. In answer to several anticipated questions, one vehicle will be allowed to park behind each 8 x 3½ foot table, sales can continue until the Lake closes at 7 pm if necessary, and all normal activities at the Lake will take place

so that your children may enjoy the equipment and facilities. So come to Cast Activities and reserve your table now!



1973 Super Beetle. AM/FM stereo, good transportation. \$1,200. 293-5634.

1975 250 Kawasaki. Doesn't run, clean, all or parts \$250. Call Jeff or John 855-4472.

Porsche 1971, 911T Targa. Excellent running condition. Asking \$6,000. **Honda 1973, CB750** with many extras. Excellent condition. Asking \$1,250. Call 277-4461.

1966 Ford Galaxie. Air, automatic trans. 4-door, original owner. Best offer. Call 851-3598 after 6 pm.

GMC Pick-up truck. Good running condition, must sell. Asking \$600. Call 295-4176.

1970 Pontiac Bonneville. 4-door, hard top, A/C, PS, PB, AT, plus many other extras, new tires, very good condition, a real bargain at \$695. 859-2022.

1973 Chevi Bellaire Station Wagon. \$2,895. Best condition, new tires. 277-3210, after 6 pm.

1975 Pontiac "Astre" wagon. AM/FM radio/air/low mileage. \$2,200 or best offer. 846-3771.

1972 Plymouth Scamp. 2-door, hardtop, slant 6, gold, white top, auto, PS, A/C, R/H. 37,000 miles, extra clean. \$2,195, call Herb at 645-2961 after 6 pm or weekends.

1976 Gremlin. Excellent condition, new tires, loaded with all the extras, \$2,700. Call Dan at 862-4293.

1976 Celica ST. Fully loaded, \$3,800. Call 295-4946.

3 wheel 3 speed bike. \$75. 277-3210 evenings after 6 pm.

Sears Lady Kenmore Portable Washer and Dryer-white. Perfect for an apartment. \$200. 859-6064 after 6 pm.

Sony TC-20 Auto Cassette Tape Player. Excellent condition. Cost over \$100 new, asking \$75. 898-8267 after 6 pm.

Sleeper-sofa. Pulls out into double bed. Contemporary design. \$275 or best offer. 647-7406 after 7 pm.

23 Channel Realistic Mobil CB. Phone type and antenna \$110. **74 MG Midget Tanue cover** \$20. 351-0460.

Upper and Lower side band Midland Base Station with digital clock w/power mike. \$350. 351-0460.

Wedding dress. \$100. 5/7. 847-7851.

Free to a good home w/"room to run" or a large yard. Beautiful golden retriever. Excellent w/children. 896-5789 after 6 pm.

Boat for sale. 70 foot Arrowglass, 16 foot 85 hp Johnson motor, tilt trailer, immaculate condition. Call 422-3547 after 5 pm.

For Sale: Puppy. 1/2 Cocker, female, 11 weeks old. First shots, wormed, very healthy. Frisky, affectionate. \$25. 678-4326.

For Sale: 5 Ponies. Price \$25 to \$75 each. Call Bob or Ilene at 876-2994.

Mobile Home. 12x60, lived in 1½ years, will take best offer, call 847-7129 (Kissimmee) after 3:30 pm, all day on weekends.

Necchi Sewing Machine. With cabinet, cams, etc. \$100 or best offer, 847-7129 (Kissimmee) after 3:30 pm.

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